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## WILL THEY BE EQUAL TO THE OCCASION?

Now that the Convention to revise the Constitution is an assured fact the question arises, are the Virginians of the day equal to the task of properly undoing the work of an Underwood and of making a chart by which the ship of State can be safely sailed? We do not ask the question because we are in doubt, but because some people are silly enough to ask it incredulously.

The roof bough of war did not level the Peaks of Otter, nor disturb their grandeur, nor did the Virginians who braved its dangers return home with less of the elements that go to make the finest type of manhood than when they entered the struggle. Reconstruction has no more dwarfed them in mind or body than it has taken the glory from our valley, or the majesty from our rivers, or the depth from our harbors.

Nor are the sons of such shrews unworthy the lot from which they sprang. True they have not had the "guineas glistening in their eyes" as others have, they have not been sailing in yachts of their own or travelling in private cars, or growing rich amid the surges of stock exchanges or because of purchased legislation; they have not spent their winters amid scenes of tropical beauty nor their summers catching the charms of sea breezes; few of them have indulged the delights of foreign travel but all of them, "Virginians from spur to plume," have been groaning beneath the Underwood burden, and learning more and more the needs of the "mother of States and of statesmen." The heart knoweth its own bitterness and a stranger intermeddles not therewith, and Virginians, the Virginians of this hour, knows full well the wants of Virginia and knowing will dare embody them, as far as practical, in the organic law of the State.

Some unskilled craftsmen may perchance secure the place and pay of co-laborers, but the great body of builders who will be engaged to do work on this sacred temple of law and justice, we believe, will be "honest and capable."

## WORTH REPEATING.

"Mr. President, I know how imperfectly I have stated this argument. I know how feeble is a single voice amid this din and tempest, this delirium of empire. It may be that the battle for this day is lost. But I have an assured faith in the future. I have an assured faith in justice and the love of liberty of the American people. The stars in their courses fight for freedom. The Ruler of the heavens is on that side. If the battle today goes against it, I appeal to another day, not distant and sure to come. I appeal from the clapping of hands and the stamping of feet and the bawling and the shouting to the quiet chamber where the fathers gathered in Philadelphia. I appeal from the spirit of trade to the spirit of liberty. I appeal from the millionaire and the boss, and the wine puller and the manager to the statesman of the older time, in whose eyes a guinea never glistened, who lived and died poor, and who left to his children and to his countrymen a good name far better than riches. I appeal from the present, bloated with material prosperity, drunk with the lust of empire, to another and a better age. I appeal from the present to the future and to the past."

This is refreshing reading, coming as it does from the Senate chamber, so fast becoming a club of millionaires. When the "guinea" doesn't "glisten in the eyes" of our legislators we may hope for some laws not dictated by a combine. The people may then have a voice, not of a god but of sovereigns. How much better that a "spirit of liberty" rather than the "spirit of trade" should prevail.

The Louisville Courier-Journal has recovered from that Palmer-Buckner craze and is now for Bryan in "deadly earnest." Right again.

The fire king has been reigning vigorously of late. His latest triumph was won over a Canadian town, which it swept out of existence, entailing a loss of \$20,000,000.

Hanna giving a constitutional reason for not supporting Quay makes himself ridiculous. We doubt if he would know the constitution if he were to meet it in the road.

Virginia, never had a better constitutional lawyer in the Senate than is Jno. W. Daniel, and his honesty is above suspicion, therefore we conclude that Quay, of Pennsylvania, was entitled to a seat in that body.

Tom Watson of "where-am-I-at" fame, makes this sensible request: "Please number me among the politically dead, and let me henceforth rest in peace." Better far than the restless desire to find out "where am I at."

The Washington Post is in favor of the whipping post. It was called barbarism in the South, but it was false clamor as we all know. The fact that it is inexpensive recommends it, but the fact that it is efficient is more in its favor.

Some people are actually engaged in the futile effort of giving wind to the Dewey boom. In our opinion it is "hushed." Others speak of him as a Jeffersonian Democrat. We don't believe a Jeffersonian Democrat was ever born or raised in Vermont. Such a thing would chill to death in that atmosphere.

There is a striking cartoon going the rounds which represent a stalwart farmer, hoe in hand, coat off, sleeves up, looking contemptuously down upon representatives of trusts, with the remark: "If I should stop working what would become of you? Yet I have to pay for the privilege of being on this earth." The picture and the words are full of meaning.

We are not quite so anxious to attend the Paris Exposition as we were before that bridge collapsed, killing and wounding indiscriminately.

If the bridges won't carry their own weight what can be expected of crowded rooms, &c?

A little criminal responsibility on the part of architects and builders might be of public benefit.

The Montgomery Convention, which is to meet on the 8th of May, for the purpose of considering the race question in the South, is commanding general attention. It will be one of the most important of the year, and our hope is that some practical good will result. If it ends in gush and glittering generalities the expense of meeting had as well be saved.

The best advice may be given and if unheeded will be but waste of breath. The Herald has already told the negro what is best for him, and he would be safe in following it. But will he?

Legions of young doctors are being commissioned to fight "ills to which flesh is heir to." The wonder is that smallpox and kindred spirits don't hide away in the dens and caves of earth.

Alas, that untimely and unrequited tuberculosis should defy their combined strength and wisdom.

Neither liquid nor lancet, pills nor powder, anæsthetic nor antiseptic, emollient nor emetic, stimulant nor syrup, diagnosis nor prognosis have checked it in its mad and murderous career.

We will feel some relief ourselves when the "agony" over the correct spelling of Greenville-Greenville is over with the Norfolk Landmark, Petersburg Index-Appel, Richmond Dispatch, Norfolk Virginian Pilot and others.

We all agree as to what letters enter into the formation of the name Underwood and the word convention. Let's agree, too, that no such prefix shall be attached to a Virginia convention. It is as much out of place as is underbrush in a field where a farmer wants to grow a crop. Cut it up, root and branch.

Even a Republican convention, which was held in Ohio and bossed by Hanna, had the unblushing cheek to oppose trusts, and yet that same Hanna knows full well that if the trusts should perish from the face of the earth his style of politics wouldn't live a day.

The travesty is monumental and the boldness colossal.

Next thing we may expect Mr. McKinley to be saying something against the crib at which he has been feeding. We heard Senator Vance once say in the Senate: "The ox knoweth its owner and the ass his master's crib."

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, April 30, 1900.

The broad streak of yellow down the backbone of the McKinley administration, the exhibition of which disgusted so many Americans during the weeks which immediately preceded the war with Spain, is again in full view of the world. The present exhibition is connected with our relations with Turkey. Only a few days ago, all of the well-known disseminators of semi-official news, in Washington, were singing a song of jingoism and filling the newspapers with thrilling stories of the red hot demand the administration had made upon the Sultan of Turkey, to settle those long-standing missionary claims at once, and intimating that if the spondulix was not at once forthcoming, an American fleet would be sent into Turkish waters to forcibly collect it. These stories were duly sent out, but they didn't fire the country even a little tiny bit, the people not being in a jingo humor. But they did something else. They brought an intimation from Russia, in the politest diplomatic language that there were reasons which made it incumbent upon Russia to object to any forcible collection of claims from the Sultan. That threw Secretary Hay into a blue funk, almost as bad as would have followed a snubbing by an English lord, and straightway the yellow streak in the administration backbone was uncovered, to add to the gaiety of nations and to the humiliation of Americans, and the official announcement made that this government had at no time intended to go beyond diplomatic insistence in trying to make the Sultan pay that claim. A famous American wit once commented upon an exhibition of a yellow streak by a public man, by saying: "God Almighty hates a quitter," and it is well-known to every observing man that the American people also hate a quitter.

The Senate seems to be pretty nearly unanimous in one thing at least—that the U. S. Senate has no authority to investigate a state legislature's qualification to elect a U. S. Senator. Although the temptation to go behind the action of the West Virginia legislature which elected Nathan B. Scott, to the Senate

was great, there being plenty of evidence of crookedness, only three Senators—Pettus and Morgan, of Ala., and Turner, of Wash., voted for the motion of Senator Pettus to send the resolution declaring Scott entitled to his seat back to Committee with instructions to further investigate his election.

Senator Allen rebuked Senator Chandler for his apparent anxiety to railroad the resolution reported from the elections committee, declaring Senator Clark, of Montana, not entitled to his seat through the Senate when he said: "Every man must realize that it is asking a good deal of anyone who occupies a place in this chamber to take the mere conclusions of a Committee, without an opportunity of reading the evidence upon which those conclusions are based. I am not interested in this case one way or the other, but the Senate cannot expect to dispose of it in two or three days when it has taken the Committee three months to hear witnesses and reach a judgment. That would be ridiculous in any tribunal." It is strongly believed that the resignation of Senator Clark will make a vote unnecessary on this resolution, although he still declines to talk for publication.

Democratic Senators have decided that the army reorganization bill contains many objectionable features that they will not allow it to go through the Senate, and notice to that effect has been served on the Republicans. Among the striking features of the army bill are provisions for making Gen. Miles Lieutenant-general (put in to catch Democratic votes) and Gen. Corbin major-general; for the increase of the regular army and for doubling the number of cadets to West Point. Senator Jones, of Ark., the Democratic leader, who never minces words when he has anything to say, declared the Army bill to be full of fiasco.

The Republican leaders will allow the Nicaragua Canal bill to pass the House this week, simply because they saw that they could not prevent it, but their present programme is to hang it up in the Senate, for fear that its passage would not be pleasing to England, which is already somewhat displeased because the Nicaragua Canal Treaty has not been ratified. Still, the country is expected to believe the repeated assertions of administration men that there is no secret understanding between the McKinley administration and the English government.

Whatever the administration may be able to do in the House with the ship subsidy job, the scheme will not get through the Senate at this session. The Democratic Senators who opposed this scheme have received unexpected support in their fight against it, from Quay's Republican friends, who intend to let Hanna, who is the most active pusher of the job, see that they resent the successful deal by which he kept Quay out of the Senate. These Republican Senators would probably not vote against the subsidy bill if put to the test, but they will probably quietly help the Democratic Senators to prevent its reaching a vote, which will be practically the same thing.

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Due from National Banks	36,607.22
Due from State Banks and bankers	70.54
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	17,853.77
Current expenses and taxes paid	1,577.32
Prepays paid	1,132.62
Checks and cash items	2,564.57
Bills of other banks, Co. warrants	4,613.60
Fractional paper currency, nickels and pennies	75.00
Specie	2,252.20
Legal tender notes	2,952.00
Total	\$572,942.20

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$45,425.00
Surplus fund	32,000.00
Undivided profits	21,041.50
Individual deposits subject to call	221,575.22
Time certificates of deposit	144,357.50
Certified checks	3,435.99
Due to National Banks	68.76
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Notes payable	25,000.00
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